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SUBJECT: FERTILIZER INDUSTRY COOPERATION

AHALT PROVIDED COPY LETTER FROM KENNETH RUSH COUNSELLOR
TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC POLICY TO EDWIN
WHEELER, PRESIDENT FERTILIZER INSTITUTE FOR INFORMATION AND USE
U.S. DEL AS APPROPRIATE.

TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

"THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED
WITH THE THREAT OF FAMINE WHICH FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS
OVERHANGS A NUMBER OF THE POOREST AND MORE POPULOUS
COUNTRIES OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD. RECENT BAD WEATHER,
SHORTAGES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF FOOD
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RESERVES AND A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF FERTILIZERS HAVE LEFT MANY

OF THEM IN A HIGHLY VULNERABLE POSITION.

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT SEEMS WISE TO DO WHAT IS
FEASIBLE TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THESE COUNTRIES
TO PRODUCE THEIR OWN FOOD. WITH THIS OBJECTIVE IN
VIEW, THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WILL BE INVITING BIDS ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS FOR ITS
PLANNED FY 1975 PROCUREMENT OF FERTILIZERS FOR THESE
COUNTRIES. IT IS THE HOPE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION
THAT U.S. FERTILIZER PRODUCERS WILL SERIOUSLY
CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE BEST OF THEIR CAPACITY TO THESE
AID BID INVITATIONS."

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